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Serial No.: 09/902,339
Filed: July 10, 2001
Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
THE TRANSFERRING OF A FLEXIBLE
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A copy of each of the documents is enclosed.

German Document No. DE 200 11 943 U1 relates to a device for transferring a flexible material web (10) specifically a paper or cardboard web from an upstream section (12) to at least one downstream section of a machine (18) for the production and/or processing of a material web (10), specifically a paper machine in which the material web (10) can be separated by means of two separation elements (20, 22) into an edge strip (24) extending in the direction of web travel (L) and into a transfer strip (26) bordering onto the edge strip, as well as into the remining web (28) bordering onto this transfer strip (26), characterized in that a guide device (14) is provided in order to redirect the edge strip (24) sideways away from the transfer strip (26), generally in transverse direction to the direction of web travel (L), in order to simultaneously tighten the edge strip.

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